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ABSTRACT

This survey of the extent to which each state is supporting kindergarten and other early childhood services consists of three tables showing: (1) state-by-state expenditures (total and per pupil) for kindergarten and prekindergarten, other state-supported services (medical, dental, etc.) to prefirst graders; information on kindergarten entrance age and whether kindergarten is mandatory or permissive; (2) certification requirements (including agency responsible for certification) for day care personnel, prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals; and (3) program administration and personnel development, including responsible agencies, form of coordination among administrative agencies, and number of colleges and junior colleges offering programs in early childhood education. Data was obtained from response to a questionnaire sent to all states and three territories in 1972 and 1974. A one-page summary of table data is included. (BRT)

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SUPPORT FOR KINDERGARTEN GROWS

Public support for kindergarten and other early childhood services continues to grow, as evidenced by a state survey conducted in 1974 by the Education Commission of the States. This is the third survey which has been made by the ECS Early Childhood Project. Previous surveys were made in 1970 and 1972. In 1974, questionnaires were sent to 50 states and three territories. Replies were received from 44 states and one territory. The states and territories that did not reply to the 1974 survey did supply information in 1972, and in the summary information presented here, these states are included—based on the information as reported in 1972.

The 1972 survey revealed that nine states and one territory mandated school districts to offer kindergarten programs. By 1974 that number had increased to 14 states and one territory. One additional state, Virginia, will require local districts to provide kindergarten programs beginning in 1976. In addition, the 1974 survey showed that 34 states and two territories have enacted permissive kindergarten legislation. Only two states, Mississippi and Idaho, have no legislation permitting or mandating kindergartens.

Money

In 46 states some form of state aid is provided to kindergartens. By far the most popular method of funding kindergarten is through the state foundation formula. This appears to be the method used with variations in every state except New Mexico, where it was reported that special funds are approved on a limited basis for pilot programs. Funding through the state foundation formula indicates a high priority and regular annual funds for kindergarten.

State funding for prekindergarten programs is still the exception rather than the rule. Apparently only 11 states, California, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia, provide some form of support for prekindergarten programs, but at least 38 states offer prefirst-graders other state-supported services such as medical and dental care, nutritional programs or special programs for the handicapped. That compares with 30 states in 1972.

Certification

Forty-eight states and two territories now have certification requirements for kindergarten teachers and administrators. Only Mississippi and American Samoa have no certification requirements. Texas has requirements for teachers but not for administrators.

Twenty-nine states require only an elementary certificate rather than one specifically for kindergarten teachers, while in seven other states the requirement is for an elementary certificate plus extra preparation in early childhood education. In eight states the elementary certificate is not applicable to kindergarten. Most states have no certification requirements for kindergarten paraprofessionals.

Half the states now require certification for prekindergarten teachers and administrators. Only Alabama, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Massachusetts and Vermont require certification for prekindergarten paraprofessionals, but in 1972 the only states in this category were Massachusetts and Vermont.

Day Care

The 1972 survey revealed that 13 states require certification for day care personnel and the 1974 figure is the same. While few states have such requirements as indicated by survey replies, this is probably not an accurate reflection of such requirements. The ECS questionnaire was sent to state departments of education. In many states, however, departments of social services or human resources responsible for licensing day care facilities have requirements for day care personnel which would not be indicated in questionnaires answered only by departments of education.

TABLE 1
STATE FUNDING EFFORT

State (% State Share of Funding)	Kindergarten							Prekindergarten					Other State-Supported Services to Pre-First Graders (Medical, Dental, etc.)
	Mandatory (M) or Permissive (P)	Additional Information	Entrance Age	State Expenditure Total FY 1974	State Expenditure Total FY 1975	State Expenditure Per Pupil FY 1974	State Expenditure Per Pupil FY 1975	State Expenditure Total FY 1974	State Expenditure Total FY 1975	State Expenditure Per Pupil FY 1974	State Expenditure Per Pupil FY 1975	Additional Information	
Alabama	P	There is no state aid through the state foundation program. There is state aid for eight Early Childhood Education Pilot Programs including 5-year-olds funded by a special education trust fund.	6 by Oct. 1	$500,000	None	Not available		None				State efforts to promote from individuals and groups etc.	Partially—through public health and welfare services
Alaska	P	State aid provided to kindergartens as part of the state foundation program at one-half amount for elementary school pupils	5 by Nov. 2	Information not available at this time				Not available				There is state aid available for children with special needs (physical handicaps, unusual behavior, etc.)	BIA and PHS provide services for eligible children
American Samoa		No reply											
Arizona (100%, est.)	M	Aid by separate appropriation	6 by Jan. 1	Not available				None					Through Department of Health and Welfare. Some programs offer additional services
Arkansas	P	There is state aid for kindergartens. For the first two years at least, they are funded: $9,000 (1st year) and $9,500 (2nd year) on an approval basis.	5 by Oct. 1	$9,000	$9,500	Not available		None				A kindergarten specialist was hired to conduct workshops for teachers and administrators and to do an ETV training series plus various public relations services	Partially—through the Department of Health and Welfare
California (100% at present. From 1956-1973, preschool was 25% state; 75% federal.)	M	Mandatory for school district to provide; permissive for attendance. Aid provided as part of state foundation program, based on ADA	4 years, 9 months	$266.6 million (307,22- students	Slight decrease expected	Varies by district. For 1972-73 the average for elementary districts was $866.		$20.6 million	Approx. same as for FY 74	$1,058	Same	Legislation introduced in 1972 (SB 1302/Dymally) included provision for an optional publicly supported program for 4-year-olds. This was amended out, to be reconsidered in 1975	Medical screening, social services, nutrition, day care, migrant program
								Figures are for a state preschool program for disadvantaged children					
Colorado	P	Required for accreditation but not required by statute. State aid is part of foundation program	Schools must accept at 6 years	Not available		Varies district to district with foundation program		None				Promotion of pre-kindergarten, but no funding	Day care
Connecticut		No reply											
Delaware (73%)	P	Aid provided as part of foundation program	5 by Jan. 31	$2.5 million	Not available	$297	Not available	None				No promotion	Only audio and visual assessment under Bureau of Child Development Programs

Florida	P	State aid is based on FTE, with students in K-3 earning 20% more than those in other elementary grades. FTE funding replaces old MFP unit system of funding	5 on or before Jan. 1	$52.8 million	$71.6 million	$684	$894		None		State commissioner of education has established as a priority the provision of educational services to students not presently being served who could profit from early childhood education	(1) Through Health and Rehabilitative Services, Division of Family Services. (2) Participation in federally funded school lunch program. (3) AFDC children eligible for medical services
Georgia (100%)	P	Kindergarten will be part of total Adequate Program of Education for Georgia in 1975	5 by Sept. 1	$5 million	$4.4 million	$837	$805	$1.8 million	$1.8 million	$1,161	$1,161	SB 676 requires educational classrooms for handicapped 3- and 4-year-olds	SB 676 provides for testing, diagnosis and treatment for children birth to 3 years of age. New Adequate Program of Education bill provides for testing of hearing and vision of all children before entrance into first grade. Free lunches for children aged 3 to 5 in regular lunch program
Guam		No reply											
Hawaii (88%) (K only)	P (However, by departmental policy, all K-eligible applicants must be enrolled.)	94% of 5-year-old population of 15,072 is enrolled in kindergartens, both public and private. Only 2,324 of them attend private programs	5 by Dec. 31	$13.8 million (approx.)	$14.5 million (approx.)	$1,014 (approx.)	$1,014 (approx.)		Not available		State aid in kind only if the federally funded prekindergarten programs are housed in a DOE facility or are administered by DOE	Yes, for programs administered by the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services and Housing
Idaho		No reply										
Illinois	M	State aid for kindergarten as part of state foundation program	5 by Dec. 1 (in process of revision)		Not available				Not available		Prekindergarten programs for 3- to 5-year-old handicapped children are mandated. State Department of Education is working toward permissive programs for other prekindergarten children	No state aid
Indiana	P	State aid is part of the state foundation program at one-half the rate of regular schools	This is set by the individual district	$38.9 million	$32.1 million	$428	$447		None		No state effort to promote public prekindergarten program	For those children whose families are at near-poverty level
Iowa	P	State aid provided through foundation program. State Department of Public Instruction provides leadership in upgrading kindergarten programs through consultative services and inservice workshops	5 by Sept. 15	$17.6 million	$20.3 million	$399	$478		Not available		None	State aid for handicapped prekindergarten through Department of Public Instruction

State (% State Share of Funding)	Kindergarten							Prekindergarten					Other State-Supported Services to Pre-First Graders (Medical, Dental, etc.)
	Mandatory (M) or Permissive (P)	Additional Information	Entrance Age	State Expenditure				State Expenditure				Additional Information	
				Total		Per Pupil		Total		Per Pupil			
				FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975		
Kansas (40%)	P	State aid provided as part of foundation program	5 by Sept. 1	Not available				None				Effort to establish accreditation regulations	None through education
Kentucky	P	State aid provided through state foundation program	5 by Dec. 31	$1.6 million	Undecided	Not available	Undecided	None				No promotion	None
Louisiana	P	State aid provided on the same basis as for grades 1-12. Teachers supplied on 27:1 ratio	4 years, 8 months	$36.4 million	$36.4 million	$844	$844	None				Bureau of Early Childhood Education has been established to plan and initiate programs	Yes, through Department of Public Welfare and local education agencies
Maine	M	There is state aid which is part of state foundation program	5 by Oct. 15	$5.1 million	$5.4 million	$300	$321	Not available		$300	$321	State effort in formative stage to promote prekindergarten programs. A few schools receive state aid where a program is run for 4-year-olds	State doesn't provide, but many school districts do
Maryland		No reply											
Massachusetts	M	Part of the same reimbursement program for all of the children in the Commonwealth	Up to the local community	$31 million	$31 million	$295	$295	$31 million—This money is for both kindergarten and prekindergarten				Promotion especially toward Chapter 766 law in regard to children with special needs. In 20% of communities, there are public prekindergartens that begin at 4 years	In cases where the income is below average under Title I programs
Michigan	P	Power-equalizing formula for state aid includes kindergarten, with kindergarten students counted as full-time	5 by Dec. 1	$55.1 million	Not available	$358	Not available	None				Legislation has been proposed to permit public funds (not state aid) to be used for early childhood programs	Welfare-type services are provided
Minnesota	M	State aid as part of foundation program	5 by Sept. 1	Not available				Not available				At 1974 session, legislature funded pilot projects for children, birth to age 5, and for their parents. Programs are available for preschool handicapped children	School lunch, medical lab services, medical assistance, screening services for vision, hearing, dental needs, Title IV-A match for day care; state grant-in-aid for day care; all public assistance programs
Mississippi		Does not have public kindergartens		None				None				Legislation to be introduced in 1975	Welfare Department provides services
Missouri (38.1%)	P	State aid as part of foundation program	5 by Sept. 30	$10.6 million	$12 million	$172	$194	None	All approved programs to be funded	None	$500 estimate	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education working intensively to expand prekindergarten programs with federal and local monies and with state funds that are available for children with handicaps or potential learning problems beginning at age 3	State matching funds provided for preventive child health care, maternal and infant care, speech and hearing evaluation and services, and dental education and services. Day care for ADC and low-income families. Nutritional services available to children in public school programs

Montana	P	1/2 day program = 1/2 ANB for budgeting purposes. 180 days, 2 hrs. per day. State aid part of foundation program based on ANB	5	Estimated $1 million	$1 million	$92	$92	None	No state aid for prekindergarten programs	Day care $100,000 per year in governor's budget
Nebraska (5%)	P	State aid as part of foundation program, based on ADM	5 by Oct. 15	Not available	Not available	$17.50	$47.50-$50.00	None	Nebraska School Law 79-444 provides that local district funds may be utilized to provide for voluntary programs for prekindergarten children	Yes, through Nebraska State Welfare Department, Social Services Division, Headstart—OEO
Nevada		No reply								
New Hampshire (0%)	P	State aid as part of foundation program to those districts that qualify	Local option		Not available			None	No state effort to promote prekindergarten	None
New Jersey		No reply								
New Mexico	P	Special funding for kindergarten programs	5 by Nov. 1	$1.2 million	Dependent on legislation	$339	Dependent on legislation	None	None	None
New York	P	State aid provided as part of the state foundation program. Aid is paid on basis of ADA (weighted for half-day kindergarten) along with ADA for other grades	5 by Dec. 1	Information not available, not broken down separately				Not available	State experiment ' prekindergarten program for disadvantaged limited categorized state aid is available	Funds for diagnosis
North Carolina	P	Yes, kindergarten is being phased in as a part of the state foundation program	5 by Oct. 16	$27 million	$40 million anticipated	$800 (approximately)	$850 (approximately)	Not available	Operation Kindergarten is a group of businessmen helping to get legislation in an effort to promote public prekindergarten programs	None
North Dakota (0%)	P	No state aid. The Department of Instruction encourages districts to fund kindergartens locally until state support is available	6 by Sept. 30 to enter grade 1		None			None	None	None
Ohio (0%)	M (Beginning Sept. 30, 1975)	State aid provided as part of the state foundation program	5 by Sept. 30	$18 million	$18.8 million	$220	$230	None	The state education agency is seeking authority from the Ohio Legislature to develop standards for public school prekindergarten programs	None
Oklahoma	M	State aid provided as part of foundation program	5 by Nov. 1	$5.4 million	Not available	$238	Not available	None	Promotion through local effort and federal project proposals	Nutritional: School Lunch Division of State Department of Education. Medical, dental, public health, clinics, university hospitals

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				Total		Per Pupil		Total		Per Pupil			
				FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975	FY 1974	FY 1975		
Oregon (30%, est.)	P	State aid provided as part of foundation program	5 by Nov. 15	Based on formula of district need—not identified individually				None				Working on legislation for program in 1975 legislative session	Lunch services, limited medical services, some day care funds through Children's Services, Day Care Section
Pennsylvania (50%, est.)	P	School districts receive reimbursement for instruction from the Department of Education at same rate for kindergarten as for any other grade level. Reimbursements based on weighted ADM and district's ability to pay	4	$40,000	Same as 1974 plus monies for any new programs	$680—full day $340—half day	Same as 1974	Part of kindergarten aid available				Since 1897, Pennsylvania has fiscally supported kindergarten for 4- and 5-year-olds. Any district may provide two years of kindergarten	Every child receives medical, dental, visual and hearing examinations free. Free meals for needy children. Some day care services
Puerto Rico (76%)	P	State pays for teachers, provides space and some equipment. Title I Funds are available for 79 kindergartens. Twenty-one teachers are paid from other federal funds	5	$4.8 million	$4.9 million	$258	$258	None				No promotion	Kindergarten students included in health program ($1 million from state funds and $1 million from federal funds)
Rhode Island	M	State aid as part of foundation program	5 on/before Dec. 31	Not available				None				Financial effort through means of state aid formula. There is state aid for prekindergarten on same basis as K-12	Whatever is spent by local school committees for such services is reimbursable under state aid formula
South Carolina	P	Annual appropriation in grant form to State Department of Education	5 by Nov. 1	$3.2 million	$4.2 million	$174	$178	$1.2 million	$1.2 million	$1,296	$1,100	SDE efforts will likely remain minimal until after present kindergarten (for 5-year-olds) program is part of state foundation program	No state funds
South Dakota	P	State aid under same minimum foundation grant as grades 1-12	5 by Oct. 31	Not available		$1,350 flat grant plus equalization entitlement per classroom unit	$1,550 flat grant plus equalization entitlement per classroom unit	None				Guidelines for nursery and preschools adopted. Early childhood office disseminates information	Receive state services as grades 1-12
Tennessee (58%)	P	State aid as part of the minimum foundation program	5	$11.3 million	$17.1 million	$331	$363	None				No state prekindergarten program	Limited to those programs initiated and supported in part or in full with federal funds
Texas	P	State aid provided as part of the state foundation program	5 by beginning of school year, Sept. 1	Not available		$600	$600	None				There is a Migrant Education Program for migrant 4-year-olds and bilingual 3- and 4-year-olds administered by the State Department of Education, funded federally	Some funds available through Department of Public Welfare
Utah		No reply											

Vermont	P	State aid funds based on a state aid formula multiplied by the school district's local effort factor	4-9	No specific amounts. Kindergarten statistics included in general elementary education totals				State aid for prekindergarten programs on a very limited basis for young handicapped children				State effort to promote public prekindergarten programs by providing consultative services, state aid funding, Title I funding, child health and child-care programs	State funds for medical, dental, nutritional and other services
Virginia	M	State aid as part of foundation program. All local divisions must have kindergarten by 1976	4 years 8 months	Not available				None				No promotion	Medical, dental and nutritional services through Division of Health
Washington	P	State aid as part of foundation program	5	$9.9 million	$10 million	$196	$197	$453,000	$457,000	$1,046	$1,055	There are several state-funded prekindergarten programs in the Urban, Rural, Racial Disadvantaged Program. Special state funding for disadvantaged in central city areas	Special funding for the disadvantaged
West Virginia	M	Must be provided by LEA, but children not required to attend. State aid as part of foundation program	5	Not available				Not available				Through the Interagency Council for Child Development Services there are services for children from birth to age 6. A few demonstration centers enroll children aged 5 and under	Medical and dental services according to local county option. Various services through Interagency Council projects. Nutrion services. Department of Welfare provides some services
Wisconsin	M	State funds as part of foundation program at rate of one-half membership per enrollee	5 by Dec. 1	Not available				None				Position paper of state superintendent in effort to promote public prekindergarten	Costs are a part of general state aid formulas. Services are encouraged and paid, as are aids for other school services. Some services available for handicapped children
Wyoming	P	State aid as part of the foundation program	5 by Sept. 15	$156,293	$173,800	$59	$65 estimated	None				No state aid	No; picked up by Head Start Migrant Programs and Mental Health for Exceptional Children, Social Service for ADC children and privately for some others

TABLE 2
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

State	Day Care Personnel	Kindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Kindergarten Paraprofessionals	Prekindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Prekindergarten Paraprofessionals	Agency Responsible for Certification	Elementary Certificate Applicable for Kindergarten and/or Prekindergarten Teaching
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	State Department of Education for nursery school through grade 3 in public schools. Department of Pensions and Security determines qualifications for personnel in other programs	No
Alaska	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Day care personnel—Health and Social Services. Kindergarten teachers, administrators and prekindergarten teachers, administrators—Department of Education	Yes
American Samoa	No reply						
Arizona	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Department of Education	Yes
Arkansas	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes, but must be accompanied by 15 hours in early childhood education courses, including practice to get K-3 certificate
California	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	California Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing	Yes
Colorado	Licensing requirements	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education certifies kindergarten teachers. State Department of Social Services determines day-care personnel qualifications for licensing purposes	Yes
Connecticut	No reply						
Delaware	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Department of Public Instruction	Yes
Florida	No	Yes	No	Varies	No	State Department of Education	Yes
Georgia	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Division of Teacher Certification, Department of Education	Yes
Guam	No reply						
Hawaii	No	Yes	Yes (for only DOE-administered programs)	Yes	Yes	Department of Education; for non-DOE administered programs, certification is not required, but minimum qualifications are required in order for the program to receive DSSH license to operate	Yes
Idaho	No reply						
Illinois	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	Elementary certificate valid for K-8. Early childhood certificate valid for prekindergarten

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State	Day Care Personnel	Kindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Kindergarten Paraprofessionals	Prekindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Prekindergarten Paraprofessionals	Agency Responsible for Certification	Elementary Certificate Applicable for Kindergarten and/or Prekindergarten Teaching
Indiana	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Division of Teacher Education and Certification, State Department of Public Instruction	Yes
Iowa	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Department of Public Instruction	Yes for kindergarten. No for prekindergarten
Kansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Day care and prekindergarten personnel—Department of Health; kindergarten personnel—Department of Education	Yes for kindergarten. No for prekindergarten
Kentucky	No	Yes	No	No	No	Division of Teacher Education and Certification, State Department of Education	Yes
Louisiana	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Department of Education	Teachers with elementary certificate plus nine specialized hours in ECE can get kindergarten or prekindergarten certification
Maine	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes
Maryland	No reply						
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Massachusetts Department of Education	Yes, at present time
Michigan	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes
Minnesota	No	Yes	No	Teachers, yes. Administrators, no	No	State Department of Education	No
Mississippi	No	No	No	No	No		
Missouri	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and state-supported teacher training institutions certify kindergarten personnel. State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certifies early childhood special education teachers. Division of Welfare licenses day care programs	Yes—elementary certificate still applicable to kindergarten. Certification requirements in early childhood education prekindergarten through primary being developed. Certification requirements in early childhood special education adopted 1974
Montana	No	Yes, in public schools	No	No	No	State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Yes
Nebraska	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Nebraska State Department of Education. Privately owned prekindergarten programs do not need certified teachers	Yes

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State	Day Care Personnel	Kindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Kindergarten Paraprofessionals	Prekindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Prekindergarten Paraprofessionals	Agency Responsible for Certification	Elementary Certificate Applicable for Kindergarten and/or Prekindergarten Teaching
Nevada	No reply						
New Hampshire	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes
New Jersey	No reply						
New Mexico	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	State Department of Education	No
New York	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Education Department and cities of Buffalo and New York	Yes
North Carolina	No	Yes	No	No	No	Department of Public Instruction	No
North Dakota	Yes	Yes (public schools)	No	Yes	No	Kindergarten—State Department of Public Instruction; day care—Welfare Board	Yes, with additional course work in the area of kindergarten
Ohio	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Kindergarten teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals—Department of Education	No. Teacher must have a kindergarten-primary certificate
Oklahoma	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Teacher Education and Certification section of State Department of Education	Yes
Oregon	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and State Board of Education	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Department of Education	Yes, it must be K-6 or N-K-3
Puerto Rico	No	Yes Elementary certificate including credits in early childhood	No	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes
Rhode Island	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	State Department of Education	Yes
South Carolina	No	Yes	No	Teachers, yes. Administrators, no	No	State Department of Education	Yes, provided additional course work (six hours) is completed within 24 months following employment as a kindergarten teacher
South Dakota	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	Yes, with recommendation for early childhood courses for pre-kindergarten teaching

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State	Day Care Personnel	Kindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Kindergarten Paraprofessionals	Prekindergarten Teachers and Administrators	Prekindergarten Paraprofessionals	Agency Responsible for Certification	Elementary Certificate Applicable for Kindergarten and/or Prekindergarten Teaching
Tennessee	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education	Yes, with additional endorsement in K-3
Texas	No	Teachers, yes. Administrators, no	No	No	No	Texas Education Agency	No, Texas has kindergarten endorsement built upon elementary certification. However, no specific preparation is required below kindergarten
Utah	No reply						
Vermont	No	Yes	Yes, if salaried	Yes	Yes, if salaried and if the prekindergarten is a public school	State Department of Education	Yes. A teacher can qualify for a kindergarten or early childhood endorsement on the elementary certificate
Virginia	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Certification of teachers under Department of Education	No
Washington (43.9%)	No	Yes (public schools)	No	No	No	State Department of Education certifies public-school kindergarten teachers	Yes
West Virginia	No	Yes	No	No	No	State Department of Education	No, must have endorsement for ECE
Wisconsin	Optional	Yes	No	Optional	No	Department of Public Instruction	No
Wyoming	No	Yes	No	No	No	Certification and Placement Division of the State Department of Education	Yes, with addition of one course in education with emphasis on kindergarten teaching

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TABLE 3
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

State	Administrative Agency		Form of Coordination Among Administrative Agencies	State Programs for Personnel Development		
	Kindergarten	Prekindergarten		No. of colleges with degree programs in early childhood education	No. of junior or community colleges with associate degree programs	No. of colleges with some work in early childhood education
Alabama	State Department of Education. Pensions and Security	State Department of Education. Pensions and Security	Informal and advisory	11	0	13
Alaska	Local school districts, Alaska state-operated schools	Health and Social Services, Rural CAP, state-operated schools. Department of Education administers the educational component	Informal and advisory. Alaska's educational organization is presently divided among several agencies. The roles of these agencies with regard to early child development are in the process of being defined	2	3	2
American Samoa	No reply					
Arizona	Local school districts administer their programs. State Department of Education	Health and Welfare. State Department of Education	Unknown	0	0	3
Arkansas	State Department of Education	OEO—Headstart. Social and Rehabilitation Services—Day Care	There is coordination in the form of an interagency council at the state level	10	1	11
California	State Department of Education	State Department of Education, Child Development Program Support Unit	Office of Educational Liaison in Department of Health and Welfare coordinates programs utilizing Social Security funds between educational benefit payments and health	27	72	All
Colorado	Local district	Department of Social Services and local district	Informal through 4-C. State Department of Social Services supervises and licenses day-care centers and homes; Department of Health oversees maintenance of health standards. Early childhood consultant from education department is on governor's licensing board	4	6	14
Connecticut	No reply					

Delaware	State Department of Education	State Department of Education and Children's Bureau, Division of Social Services	Formal, informal and advisory through 4-C; almost daily contact with Office of Child Development. Early childhood education supervisor is on Day Care Advisory Council. Bureau of Child Development provided training for people working in child-care centers	2	3	2
Florida	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. Division of Family Services in H.R.S. Headstart. Local 4-C organizations. Private agencies	H.R.S. coordination is formal when use of funds is being determined. Coordination among universities and other training programs is informal. A state Day Care Advisory Board works with appropriate agencies	8	8	17
Georgia	State Department of Education. Local school systems cooperatively administer the program	State Department of Education. Local school systems	Informal and advisory. Plans are being developed to provide closer cooperation	23	6	37
Guam	No reply					
Hawaii	State Department of Education and private kindergarten schools	State Department of Education for DOE programs and DSHH for non-DOE programs	Formal. For DSHH licensed programs, DSHH consults with the Department of Health, Department of Education and fire marshall to determine licensing requirements	2	1	3
Idaho	No reply					
Illinois	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. Department of Mental Health. Headstart. Department of Public Health. Department of Children and Family Services. Many private organizations	Informal	3	Not available	
Indiana	State Department of Education	State Department of Education and Department of Welfare	Informal. Some informal coordination exists between Department of Welfare and Department of Public Instruction	10	0	Not available
Iowa	State Department of Education	Department of Social Services. Department of Education	Informal	4	4	26

State	Administrative Agency		Form of Coordination Among Administrative Agencies	State Programs for Personnel Development		
	Kindergarten	Prekindergarten		No. of colleges with degree programs in early childhood education	No. of junior or community colleges with associate degree programs	No. of colleges with some work in early childhood education
Kansas	State Department of Education	Department of Health and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services	Formal	3	0	23
Kentucky	State Department of Education	None	None	1	0	9
Louisiana	State Department of Education in conjunction with local education agencies	Local education agencies	Formal. State Department of Education or Public Welfare	7	1	17
Maine	State Department of Education	The State Department of Education approves the facilities	Informal. Departments of Educational and Cultural Services, Mental Health and the university are developing programs for 4-year-olds	2	1	4
Maryland	No reply					
Massachusetts	State Department of Education	State Department of Education	None	52	20	42
Michigan	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. Department of Social Services	Formal and advisory	Complete information not available		
Minnesota	State Department of Education	Department of Public Welfare	Informal and advisory	18	2	18
Mississippi	Mississippi does not have public kindergarten programs		None	5	5	5
Missouri	State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and local school systems	Informal and advisory. State Advisory Committee on Early Childhood Development is representative of federal, state and local agencies serving young children. Serves to identify needs and work cooperatively to meet them, as in developing and implementing guidelines for early childhood screening and developing resource guide for the education of children, ages 3 to 6	25	5	34
Montana	State Department of Education	Local district in public schools	Coordinated through state 4-C Council	2	0	7

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Nebraska	State Department of Education	State Department of Welfare	Informal. State Department of Education and Department of Welfare. The Nebraska Committee for Children and Youth acts as a forum (monthly) meeting for all agencies (state, local or private)	3	0	6
Nevada	No reply					
New Hampshire	State Department of Education	State Division of Welfare		2	0	13
New Jersey	No reply					
New Mexico	State Department of Education	Health and Social Services		1	1	5
New York	State Department of Education	State Department of Education SEA—public school pre-kindergarten programs. Department of Institutions and Agencies administers nonpublic school programs for children, ages 2-5	Informal and advisory. More coordination is planned	Approx 24	10	All state university colleges. Nursery —6th grade
North Carolina	State Department of Education	Child Development Office and and Social Services	Informal and advisory	Approx. 20	Approx. 10	Approx. 30
North Dakota	State Department of Education	State Social Service Board	Informal and advisory	1	0	5
Ohio	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. Department of Public Welfare. Department of Economic and Community Development	Those agencies that are administering parts of prekindergarten programs in the Appalachian section of Ohio are working together on an Interagency Committee	16	15	31
Oklahoma	State Department of Education	Head Start programs administered by Community Action programs with technical assistance from state agencies and OEO	Agreement may be made between public school and local OEO agency for Head Start	8	7	15
Oregon	State Department of Education	State Department of Education	Informal and advisory	5	3	8

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Pennsylvania	State Department of Education	State Department of Education	Informal. A Governor's Committee for Child Development and Day Care has been established as an interagency approach to meeting the needs of various federal, state and local programs	30	8	67
Puerto Rico	State Department of Education and Urban Renewal Program of the Social Service Department, OEO	Urban Renewal Program of the Social Service Program	Informal and advisory. Two supervisors are always in contact with Head Start programs and day care programs to advise and help to coordinate services	1	0	3
Rhode Island	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. In addition, the State Department of Social and Rehabilative Services licenses day care centers	Semiformal. Certain phases of the approval process are being coordinated with hopes of expansion in the future	4	1	4
South Carolina	State Department of Education	State Department of Education and State Department of Social Services	Informal. Child Development Council is advisory. Formal agreement between SDE and SDSS is anticipated in near future with respect to joint funding for child development programs for 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children	5	[illegible]	11
South Dakota	State Department of Education	Department of Social Services, Division of Social Welfare	Informal and advisory	1	0	10
Tennessee	State Department of Education, local school boards and Head Start	Department of Public Welfare	Formal, informal and advisory. State Department of Education has representatives on Governor's Interdepartmental Committee on Child Development. Informal cooperation with other agencies dealing with comprehensive early childhood services	22	1	35
Texas	State Department of Education	State Department of Education. Department of Public Welfare. Mental Health and Retardation Department	Informal and advisory. Council on Early Childhood Development and State Coordinating Committee	38	8	38
Utah	No reply					

Vermont	State Department of Education. Private nursery schools, kindergartens and day care		Informal and advisory	4	0	7
Virginia	State Department of Education	Department of Welfare and Institutions	Informal. Division of State Planning and Community Affairs	24		26
Washington	State Department of Education	Public prekindergarten programs licensed by SEA. Day care (more than four hours) is licensed by Health and Social Services Department	Informal	6	2	15
West Virginia	State Department of Education	Department of Welfare. Interagency Council for Child Development Services	Formal, informal, advisory and directive. Executive order established Interagency Council, which administers part of prekindergarten programs	12	0	12
Wisconsin	State Department of Education	Department of Health and Social Services	Informal	24	0	24 Additional vocational schools with associate degree—3
Wyoming	State Department of Education	Social Services	Informal. This is an area of great concern to the State Department of Education. There is little coordination between agencies, with duplication of services as well as friction in competing for funds and certification requirements	1	0	2

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